

- (1) Competent authorities in the State Government sponsor coal demand of the consumers.
- (2) On the basis of this sponsorship and an enquiry the industrial consumers are sanctioned linkage clearance by Coal India Ltd. for the size, grade, source, and mode of supply of obtaining coal.
- (3) Railways earmark wagon ceiling limit for movement of coal by rail to each State. The competent sponsoring authorities in the State sponsor the Rail-loading requirements of consumers with the consent of coal companies, within the approved ceiling.
- (4) Road supplies are arranged to the consumers as per regular road linkage, or against rail shortfalls, or for meeting distress requirements.
- (5) Coal supplies are also arranged by road to Brick-Kiln consumers in each State, for which CIL offers monthly quantities for each State, and Coal Companies release coal as per recommendation of the Sponsoring Authority in the State.

Availability of Water in River Narmada

1317. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have recently conducted a study to determine the quantum of water flowing in the river Narmada; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Studies being carried

out by Central Water Commission are not yet complete.

World Bank Assistance for Narmada Sagar Project

1318. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some fresh initiatives have been taken by the Government to obtain financial assistance from the World Bank for the Narmada Sagar Project; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. During discussions held recently with the World Bank on possible pipeline of Irrigation Projects for World Bank Assistance, it was indicated that assistance for Narmada Sagar Project could be considered after the outcome of the Independent Review Commissioned by the World Bank, was known. Further the Government of Madhya Pradesh was requested to make available:-

(i) A realistic financial plan;

(ii) An environmental impact assessment study, and;

(iii) A comprehensive plan for rehabilitation and re-settlement of project affected persons.

Petroleum Reserves in Raigarh, Madhya Pradesh

1319. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to find out Petroleum reserves in Raigarh District of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?